

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN NE REGION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC is pursuing any new exploration of oil and gas in North Eastern (NE) region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the exploration work in Nagaland has been abandoned;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any plan to conduct exploration in the Barak valley in the Assam-Manipur border; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is implementing XI Plan (2007-12) exploration programme in its operational areas in the north eastern region which comprises of two basins viz., Assam Shelf and Assam Arakan Fold belt. ONGC has plans to acquire 1720 Ground Line Kilometre (GLK) of 2D seismic, 3173 sq km of 3D seismic data and drill 126 exploratory wells in these two basins in the states of Assam, Nagaland, Tripura and Mizoram.

(c) & (d) Drilling production and seismic survey activities of ONGC came to a stand still in May 1994 due to law and order problems in Nagaland. ONGC is in discussion with the State Government to resume its exploration and production operations.

(e) & (f) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has exploration acreages in the Cachar area where ONGC has a plan to acquire 210 sq km 3D seismic data and drill two wells during 2007-09.